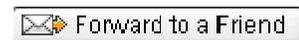




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## **UNIQUELY YOU** **Spring** **2010**

**Hi everyone,**

**As promised, here are the trends for Spring and Summer!**

**Check out my article on how much clutter is costing you and let me know what you think.**

**Enjoy!**

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### **My Second TV Appearance**

I am excited to share the [video](#) of my appearance on the *View from the Bay*, where I talked about: "[Stamp out frumpiness and find your fabulous! Feel good inside and out.](#)" Check out the models who assisted me on this segment. This aired on KGO TV, channel 7, on March 30, 2010.

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### What is Clutter Costing You?

Can we put a price tag on clutter? Well, yes we can! Consider these costs:

1. Do you invest in storage to keep the clothes that won't fit in your closets?

*Price: \$1200 to \$2600 per year*

2. Have you remodeled your closet, adding floor to ceiling storage features in order to hold more stuff . . . that you never wear?

*Price: \$1000 to \$15,000*

3. Have you lost track of what you have and ended up buying it . . . again?

*Price: Hundreds of dollars*

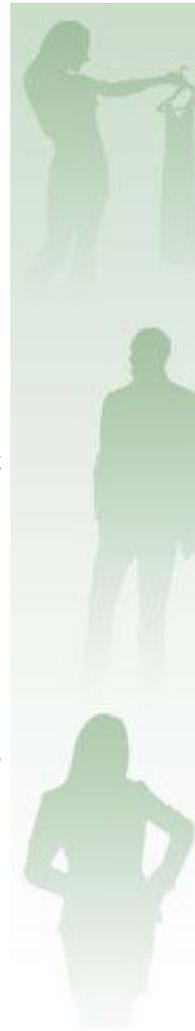
### Spring Trends and How to Wear Them

**Color:** Soft neutrals are making a big entrance with pink champagne, light pewter, and warm beige. These colors are showing up in everything from skirts and dresses to handbags, shoes, and even jewelry. Pair light pastels with your neutral tones to create a soft feminine look this season. Khaki is also a big hit especially in utilitarian-styled clothing. Bright whites show up in head to toe outfits using fun materials such as tulle, fuzzy textures, lace and shine. Blues show up in soft denim shades, mid-blue hues, and classic navy. Bolder choices in color include coral, sunflower yellow, wisteria, purple, teal, turquoise and lime green. **Styling tip:** Give your nude shades a little more power when there's gleaming hardware on those soft leather bags or you're adding strands of metal chain necklaces or pearls to soft-toned dresses or blouses

**Prints:** Prints this season take a step away from soft feminine florals and instead draw attention with loud, eye-catching florals as well as tie-dye, tropical, digital, and tribal prints. **Styling tip:** An easier way to experiment with the wild prints this season is to put it in a smaller item. Think about adding a tribal print in your heeled sandals. Enjoy the large floral print in a summer tote. Enjoy the optical print in your sunglasses.

**Dresses:** Dresses are still strong and choices go from ultra-feminine to exotic depending on the print (optical, tribal, bold), layers of ruffles, and fabrics. Dresses are belted at the waist or draped to accentuate a woman's curves. On the other end of the spectrum is the shirtwaist utilitarian khaki cotton dress or shirt-dresses in crisp white.

**Skirts:** Although miniskirts will be popular with young



4. Do you have so many things in your closet that you lose track and never wear what you bought? How about adding up the prices on the dangling hang tags? How much money do you have invested in things you've never worn? *Price: Hundreds, maybe thousands of dollars*

5. Have you turned down the opportunity to join a friend for a special event because even though you have a closet full of clothes, you can't find anything to wear? *Price: Missing out on good times and great memories*

Did you know there's another way to tackle clutter? It may sound counter intuitive, but getting professional help to weed out what doesn't serve you anymore and maximize the investment you already have, makes great sense. If it was an easy thing to do alone, we'd all have done it and never had to invest in ways to manage our stuff. So

women, there are many of us who should find a more appropriate length in a modern pencil skirt. These can be found in fun prints, solid black or soft pastels. These are great to pair with a tucked in collared shirt or a ruffled blouse, tucked in with a narrow belt to finish the look.

**Jackets:** Military styled jackets in khaki or olive green are great with rolled up jeans or even white denim straight leg pants. Boyfriend jackets return for spring and are fresh over super feminine dresses and high wedges. Leather biker jackets add toughness to feminine ruffles and lace. Collarless jackets are very ladylike and great layered with longer blouses underneath. Cropped tailored jackets look great over long tees or tank top dresses.



**Shorts:** Generally speaking, only young women with firm legs should be wearing short shorts. Unfortunately for most of us, this is a strong look this season. Shorts are being paired with the boyfriend blazer, a loose top, and wedges. It is conceptually a cute look, but be cautious. An alternative is to substitute the short shorts with knee-length shorts or a skirt.

**Pants:** Pleated, tapered cropped trousers can be found in natural colors as well as wild prints. Looser pants are making headway on the runway and into our thoughts as the skinny look starts to fade. But wait! There's the legging! Leggings are a big trend but wear them properly. They can be worn under tunic tops or dresses. Do not wear them as if they were pants.

**Blouses:** Find blouses in your favorite prints and pair with solid basic bottoms. Tops in billowy sheer fabrics are best layered with t-shirts or underpinnings. Ruffles and bows cascade down the bodice of blouses in prints and solid colors.

**Aggressive Shoes:** Platforms and high stilettos are the rage but that doesn't mean we have to strain our bodies walking in them. Some heels this season look like weapons in dark leather and belted strap details. These high fashion shoes could be considered high art making it more practical to display them on a shelf or put them on your coffee table than on your feet. Take a fraction of the design or height that you

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adore and find a more moderate version that suits your practical life.

**Downsize your handbag:** With shoes getting more attention, the role of the handbag is changing. Handbags this season are smaller pieces of artwork that add detail to your outfit. For those of you who still carry your lives in your purse, look to find a bigger slouch bag with this season's soft neutrals or feminine light pastels. The lighter colors will make the bag not look so heavy.

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